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SUMMARY OF FACULTY SENATE MEETING 3/10/03

CALL TO ORDER

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ONGOING BUSINESS

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Motion to accept by Senator Herndon; second by Senator Kashef.

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Dr. Edginton noted that their intention in building this program is to establish this as America's premier program in this field and this degree program will move them in that direction. There are only three other programs like this in the mid-west; Illinois, Indiana State University, and Indiana University. To do this they have forged a partnership with the Cedar Valley medical community, which includes Covenant Hospital, Allen Hospital, and Cedar Valley Medical Specialists. They will be moving a portion of their orthopedic surgeon's practice to UNI and 50% of the physical program that is conducted at United Medical Plaza in support of this program. They have also dedicated \$1.5 million to the construction of the Human Performance Center. The idea is that if we can locate physicians, physical therapy, and rehabilitation programs in the building then our students would be able to observe first hand. The clinical title proposal is in support of this program.

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Senator Chancey moved to approve the Calendar Committee's report and to accept their recommendation (Model II - starts the fall semester two days earlier and provides the entire week of Thanksgiving off); second by Senator Basom.

A lengthy discussion followed. Support was divided between the current calendar with 76 instructional days in the fall and 74 in the spring, the calendar that Iowa and Iowa State have adopted with 74 instructional days in both fall and spring semester, and beginning the fall semester two days earlier with a weeklong break at Thanksgiving leaving the instructional days in fall as is.

Senator Zaman moved to call the question, which was passed.

Support for Senator Chancey's motion failed.

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ADJOURNMENT

DRAFT FOR SENATOR'S REVIEW

MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MEETING 3/10/03 1589

PRESENT: Kenneth Basom, Karen Couch Breitbach, Clif Chancey, David Christensen, Carol Cooper, Cindy Herndon, Melissa Heston, Ali Kashef, Susan Moore, Chris Ogbondah, Provost Podolefsky, Gayle Pohl, Tom Romanin, Laura Terlip, Susan Wurtz, Donna Vinton, Mir Zaman

Mary Boes was attending for Katherine van Wormer and Keith Crews was attending for Dhirendra Vajpeyi.

Sue Koch, Associate Vice-Provost was also attending.

Absent: Jesse Swan and Shahram Varzavand.

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Provost Podolefsky noted that his office will check with the Admissions Office as to when they send out literature because policies must be consistent so what is decided next year needs to be decided before that literature is printed and sent out. Chair Cooper noted that it also affects hiring and scheduling.

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Dr. Crews questioned the difference between the M.S. and M.A. degree. Dr. John Somervill, Dean of the Graduate College, responded that there is more emphasis on the scientific end of the program, plus a thesis with an M.S. degree. He noted that the Graduate Council approved this proposal.

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physicians, physical therapy, and rehabilitation programs in the building then our students would be able to observe first hand. The clinical title proposal is in support of this program. Dr. Edginton noted that there are currently 47 students in the undergraduate program and there will be four full-time faculty members in Athletic Training next year. They hope to have doctoral emphasis in the future that will further establish UNI in this area. With the addition of a fourth faculty member, UNI will have more Ph.D.'s in Athletic Training than any other university in the United States.

Dr. Edginton also noted that the Human Performance Center will also include laboratory and research space for the Athletic Training program plus a cadaver lab because that is a needed resource in terms of the students' development. Discussion followed on additional uses of the cadaver lab.

Senator Obgondah commented that this would be a unique program in the state. Dr. Edginton responded that the University of Iowa is currently proposing an undergraduate degree program in this area to the Board of Regents this week. They will be very limited as to the number of students they can accept as they only have one faculty member. The accreditation guidelines are very stringent as to the number of students you can serve.

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Arguments for the different models included Senator Moore noting that the impact of Senator Chancey's motion on the library would be devastating by adding an additional weekend and night coverage with no additional funding and she would support the current calendar model. Senator Pohl expressed support for the student proposal because it is the students that are the ones that are most profoundly affected. Senator Romanin was in support of Senator Chancey's motion because he was reluctant to give up any teaching days, and also noting that any change in the number of instructional days for fall would impact nine, ten and eleven month non-faculty employees. Senators Breitbach, Ogbondah, Herndon supported for the model of Iowa and Iowa State. Senator Zaman supported the current calendar model, as did Chair Cooper, Senator's Terlip and Kashef, who also reported that they had received e-mails from colleagues in support of the Iowa and Iowa State calendars of having a full week off at Thanksgiving. Chair Cooper noted that the problem with adding a Thursday and Friday at the beginning of the semester does not always balance out when you lose days at the beginning of the week, especially if labs are involved. Senator Herndon questioned the number of days in the fall versus spring, saying it would make more sense to have additional days in the spring as that is when the weather is bad and you would be more likely

to lose days. She also questioned the spring semester break, which divides the semester into seven weeks and eight weeks. Senator Basom questioned the rationale for having one semester with more instructional days than the other noting that it presents problems when you are teaching the same class both fall and spring semesters. He would support the Iowa/Iowa State model but would still like to have the total teaching days for the year remain the same. Phil Patton, Chair of the Calendar Committee, responded that all the models brought forth from his committee preserves the number of instructional days for the academic year at 150, which is what the President and the Cabinet have said they will support in these times of increasing tuition. Senator Crews noted that he has supported a calendar model where classes don't start until after Labor Day as so many students now are working summer jobs to support their education but has since been convinced that this is not in the students' best interest. Chair Cooper noted that she received a significant number of responses from faculty that would like a mid-semester break in fall. She also noted that there are a number of classes on campus that are involved in the public schools and as it is now, they cannot get into the schools until after Labor Day, and to delay the start of the semester would push that back even further. All Senators were given the opportunity to respond and note their views and those of their constituencies.

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Meeting was adjourned at 5:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dena Snowden
Faculty Senate Secretary